

OPINION 1284

PEGGICHISME KIRKALDY, 1904 (HEMIPTERA, HETEROPTERA):
DESIGNATION OF TYPE SPECIES

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers, all designations of type species for the nominal genus *Peggichisme* Kirkaldy, 1904 hitherto made are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Davila consanguineus* [sic] Distant, 1893, is hereby designated as type species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Peggichisme* Kirkaldy, 1904 (gender: feminine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Davila consanguinea* Distant, 1893, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2227.

(3) The specific name *consanguinea* Distant, 1893, as published in the binomen *Davila consanguineus* [sic] (specific name of type species of *Peggichisme* Kirkaldy, 1904) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2910.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2197

An application for the use of the plenary powers to designate a type species for *Peggichisme* Kirkaldy, 1904 was first received from Dr Merrill H. Sweet (*Texas A & M University*) on 7 September 1976. It was sent to the printer on 3 July 1979 and published on 8 May 1980 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, pp. 37–39. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general serials and seven entomological serials. Support was received from Professor L. B. Holthuis. No adverse comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 12 March 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month rule in Voting Paper (1984)9 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 37, p. 39. At the close of the voting period on 12 June 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-three (23) received in the following order: Melville, Savage, Cocks, Willink, Halvorsen, Trjapitzin, Starobogatov, Holthuis, Brinck, Mroczkowski, Binder, Hahn, Corliss, Alvarado, Bayer, Schuster, Uéno, Cogger, Kraus, Ride, Heppell, Lehtinen, Dupuis

Negative Votes — none (0).

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Sabrosky.

The following comments were returned by members of the

Commission with their voting papers:

Ride: 'Why are we asked to conserve "*consanguineus* [sic]" on the Official List? If *Davila* is feminine, it is mandatory to correct the specific name.' [This has been done. R.V.M.].

Heppell: 'It is possible that Distant and Gray both named *Davila* after Don Pedro Francisco Davila and for that reason regarded it as masculine.'

Dupuis: 'S'agissant d'un simple cas d'espèce-type mal identifiée, je vote en principe pour. Malheureusement, le Code, Appendice D, I, 9, n'apprécie pas beaucoup les noms susceptibles d'une prononciation "comique" et, selon Mayr, Linsley & Usinger (1953, p. 262) "ridiculous names involving a play on words, such as Kirkaldy's (1904) *Peggichisme* (pronounced Peggy kiss me) . . . were condemned by the Zoological Society of London". J'ose espérer que cette grave question ne sera pas soulevée.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

consanguinea, *Davila*, Distant, 1893, *Biol. centr.-Amer.*, Heteroptera, vol. 1. Suppl., p. 395

Peggichisme Kirkaldy, 1904, *Entomologist*, vol. 37, p. 280.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P. (84)9 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1284.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

5 July 1984